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Mr. William T Fujioka
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Fujioka:

**FUNDING REQUEST IN RESPONSE TO
CITIZENS' COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE
RECOMMENDATION NUMBERS 3.8 AND 7.8**

On October 18, 2011, the Board established the Citizen's Commission on Jail Violence (CCJV) with the mandate that the Jail Commissioners conduct a review of the nature, depth, and cause of the problem of inappropriate deputy use of force in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) jails, and to recommend corrective action as necessary. Further, the task of the Commission was to restore public confidence in the constitutional operation of our jails. In September 2012, the CCJV released their final report and made 63 recommendations. I agree with their recommendations and I am working toward implementing each of them.

Recommendation 3.8 states the Department should have a single, reliable, and comprehensive data tracking system. The Department can accomplish this by upgrading our current Personnel Performance Index system (PPI). On July 31, 2012, members from my Department met with the Board in closed session to provide information regarding a Department-wide database for tracking inmate and public complaints. On September 6, 2012, the Department provided detailed information regarding the status of the current PPI system, the need to upgrade the system, and the estimated cost in a letter to County Counsel. The Department has consulted with the Chief Information Office, who concurs with this upgrade proposal. The Department is unable to implement this recommendation until funds are received.

The total cost to upgrade PPI is \$3 million.

A Tradition of Service

Recommendation number 7.8 states each jail should have a Risk Manager to track and monitor use of force investigations. The Department has worked together with the Implementation Monitor to formulate a proposal that would satisfy the spirit of the CCJV recommendation. The Department, together with the Implementation Monitor, believes adding seven lieutenant items to the Department would satisfy this recommendation. These seven lieutenant items would be used to create "Compliance Lieutenants" that would have three main duties:

1. Track and review administrative paperwork to insure it is processed in a timely manner. This paperwork would include inmate complaints, civil claims, lawsuits, use of force investigations, Watch Commander Service Comment Reports, employee injuries, administrative investigations, and any other risk management concerns determined by the unit commander.
2. Analyze trends in all areas, including inmate grievances, inmate injuries, and uses of force to identify areas of concern and methods to mitigate those concerns.
3. Conduct administrative investigations for category one uses of force that involve suspected misconduct.

Each jail facility would be assigned one Compliance Lieutenant with the exception of Pitchess Detention Center North and South facilities which would share one Compliance Lieutenant.

The total cost for these Compliance Lieutenants is \$1,562,000.

I am requesting you make additional funds available to implement these two important recommendations. Should you have any questions, please contact Commander Christy Guyovich at (323) 893-5004.

Sincerely,



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